Difficulties being faced by Rohtak Telephone subscribers

1528-. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased t_0 state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the telephone subscribers in Rohtak are being harassed by excess Ivlling by Rohtak Telephones;

(b) whether it is a fact that telephone connections were disconnected irj spite of excess billing and in $_s$p'te of "the fact that the subscribers had requested for disconnection of STD facility; and

(c) whether if. is also a fact that I the Telephone Department is short of funds to purchase equipments for disconnecting STD facility in Rohtak?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR OOMAN j GO): (a) No. Sir. There is no har-i.isment to telephone subscribers Rohtak on account of excess billing. The complaints of excess billing are not abnormal.

fb) Telephones are disconnected only for non-payment of telephone bills, after observing codified proce-rlures of the Department. Excess billing complaints and requests {Or barring STD facility bave no bearing on disconnection of telephones.

c) There is no shortage of funds for purchasing equipment for barring STD facility. GM is taking steps to ni'ovide this equipment for those who Imve asked for STD barring.

Arrears to be recovered by Mahana-gar Telephone Nigam Lflmitefl

1530. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of arrears is to be recovered by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited from their subscribers;

(b) what is the number of subscribers who are to pay an arrear amount of more than Rs. 50.000/- to the Mahanagai Telephone Nigam Limited; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the defaulting subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMAN-GO): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Twin Tower Project

1531. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Ministi r of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Conference on Public Enterprises (SCOPE) is allegedly plagued by corruption charges in the construction of a Rs. 30 crore Twin Tower Project across Yamuna in Delhi: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the outcome of the inquiry, if any; conducted by Government into the corruption charges levelled against SCOPE and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) A news item titled SCOPE plagued by corruption appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 26-4-S8. The allegation to the effect that the architects for the Twin Tower Project have been given a free hand for creating scope for eor-Sritption in the construction of the building is not correct. Overall responsibility and control for the project including cost and quality control lies with SCOPE who have appointed a Building Committee for the purpose- of project management and the service of NTDC. a public sector organisation have been eng^{a}2 ed for providing assistance in this regard. Special test checks have